

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL PROCESSING NETWORK RATIONALIZATION
SERVICE CHANGES, 2011

Docket No. N2012-1

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION INTERROGATORIES
(APWU/USPS-23 THROUGH 25)**

The United States Postal Service hereby files its institutional responses to the above-identified interrogatories of the American Postal Workers Union, dated April 6, 2012. Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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APWU/USPS-23

Please refer to USPS-LR-N2012-1/NP11. Please clarify the following data fields and/or values in the ODIS record layout definition:

- a) Indicia = 3: what type of indicia does this represent (e.g., Permit account, etc.)?
- b) Priority Indicator: please provide additional clarification on the meaning of 'Identified Priority' and 'Unidentified Priority'
- c) Service Standard = 0: please explain the conditions for Service Standard to be equal to 0 (zero).

RESPONSE

- (a) Indicia=3 represents mail pieces that are not exclusively stamped or meter indicia, where meter indicia includes Information Based Indicia (IBI), non-IBI meters, and Postage Validation Imprint (PVI).
- (b) Identified Priority represents mail pieces that are in Postal Service supplied packaging materials such as the branded flat rate boxes, flat rate envelopes, and Tyvek envelopes. Unidentified Priority represents mail pieces that are in customer supplied material.
- (c) Service Standard = 0 represents mail pieces that are mailed by the Postal Service (e.g., G-10 labels), are forwarded or returned, do not have postmark dates, have days to delivery that cannot be calculated or calculate to over thirty days, have invalid destination ZIP Codes, are franked or permit indicia, have unknown origin ZIP Code, or unknown service standard.

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APWU/USPS-24 Please refer to USPS-LR-N2012-1/NP11. In the ODIS data file, some Service Standard fields for some O-D pairs are blank. Please provide an explanation for the reason these fields are blank.

RESPONSE

There are no blanks in the service standard column (#20) which are apparent to the Postal Service.

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APWU/USPS-25

In the USPS response to POIR No. 5 Question 4, the Excel spreadsheet provided has identified Primary Processing Centers for Letters, Flats, and Priority. Please modify/update the Excel spreadsheet to include:

- a) Processing centers for Priority Parcels;
- b) Processing centers for Priority Flats/Letters;
- c) Processing centers for Non-Priority Parcels.

RESPONSE

- (a-b) The data source does not differentiate Priority Mail pieces on the basis of shape.
- (c) The majority of end-to-end parcel distribution is performed at the NDCs.